

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

October 23, 2014

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Paul O'Connell (W4), Joshua Kretser (W6)

**Absent:** **Councilor Becky Kasper (W5)**

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on October 9, 2014 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the weeks ending October 15, 2014 in the amount of \$ 273,887.21 and October 22, 2014 in the amount of \$ 346,896.23 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of October 9 - 22, 2014
- Report of the Work Session of the Common Council held on October 2, 2014
- Statement from the City Clerk's Office of all monies received during the month of September 2014 in the total amount of \$14,377.58
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on October 20, 2014
- Finance Report of Revenue and Expenditures for the month of September 2014

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**  
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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the weeks ending October 17, 2014 in the amount of \$ 758,468.67 and October 24, 2014 in the amount of \$ 1,185,981.30 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

**Mayor Calnon** said of that million dollars almost \$900,000 was South Catherine Street.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None**  
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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Change order 001G to Contract # 2011-22 "WPCP Headworks Improvement Project" with Shultz Construction decreasing the total contract amount by \$35,698.81 for a final total of \$847,181.19.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Municipal Lighting Department be permitted to proceed with the write-off of unpaid final bills for the period June 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$5,854.85. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .61%.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None



**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves extending contractual benefits (due to an on the job injury on August 3, 2014) for Officer Sean LaDieu for an additional 12 weeks. His first 12 week period will expire on 11/02/14.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves continuing the agreement with Ron Santor as the 2015 Basic Academy Director for the total cost of \$15,000 and there is no increase in cost from 2014.

By Councilor O'Connell; Seconded by Councilor Kretser  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2014 budget for unbudgeted costs for museum aircraft maintenance, purchase of a DPW truck and for City Clerk operating expenses.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong  
Discussion:

**Councilor Dowdle** said during the work session we learned that museum aircraft maintenance is covered by the Clyde Lewis reserve from PARC what does that cover?

**City Chamberlain Richard Marks** said it was originally established with \$50,000 to transfer the aircraft back to Ohio incase the Air Force wants them. The interest earned we can use to maintain the aircraft or prevent them from falling apart.

**Councilor Dowdle** said the maintenance is aesthetic?

**City Chamberlain Richard Marks** said it is to paint them and coat them. The metal skin gets deteriorated due to the UV rays of the sun.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**F. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2014 Water and Sewer Fund budgets for the unbudgeted costs for purchase of a DPW pick-up truck.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Janelle Henry to attend the "Activated Sludge Wastewater Treatment Plant Process" in Morrisville, NY from November 16 – 20, 2014 at an estimated cost of \$1,375.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Environmental Manager Jon Ruff to attend a "Train the Trainer course in Clinton, NY from December 10 -11, 2014 at an estimated cost of \$900.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD Finance Officer Kelly Clookey to attend the "MEUA Accounting and Finance Workshop" in East Syracuse, NY from October 28 – 30, 2014 at an estimated cost of \$427.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None**

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**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilor Armstrong** said Michael and I are going to attend this wonderful conference that we were invited to and Kevin actually reminded us of it and I invite other Councilors to attend on Sustainable Communities in Burlington on December 12th and 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Mayor Calnon** said you may have noticed I am wearing more color than you normally see from me as are a few of us here and a few of us around the city and county. And actually earlier this month I read a proclamation at the opening ceremony for the Domestic Violence Awareness month and I'd like to share that with you tonight. [Mayor read the proclamation and submitted it in to the minutes]

**Councilor O'Connell** asked MLD Manager Bill Treacy about the testing of the boxes and they were next door to me and they came at 3:45pm. I thought the shifts were 7 to 3 was that paid on overtime?

**Manager MLD Bill Treacy** that is how it is done every year.

**Councilor O'Connell** asked is there any reason that's done on overtime and not during regular shift.

**Manager MLD Bill Treacy** said because we don't have time during regular shift.

**Councilor O'Connell** said you don't have time?

**Manager MLD Bill Treacy** said no. This is a requirement of the Public Service Commission.

**Councilor O'Connell** said I'm not questioning the requirement I'm questioning the time of day it's done. Because if we can save some money somewhere if we can do it on a regular shift.

**Manager MLD Bill Treacy** said we have to test the street lights and they have to be on...

**Councilor O'Connell** said no I'm just asking. How many hours does that entail?

**Manager MLD Bill Treacy** said 3 hours every night.

**Councilor O'Connell** said for how many days?

**Manager MLD Bill Treacy** said for probably 2 months.

**Councilor O'Connell** said so 2 men, 3 hours, 5 days a week, every day of the week, every day.

**Manager MLD Bill Treacy** said because we have to check..

**Councilor O'Connell** said so 30 hours a week for 2 months so that's...

**Manager MLD Bill Treacy** said they've actually reduced it but it's a big requirement that we have to fill in.

**Councilor O'Connell** said so that's 100 250 hours of overtime. I just want to know because you had told me to be ready for calls in my ward.

**Manager MLD Bill Treacy** said those we're going to do on regular time but this testing we have to do at night and so forth.

**Councilor O'Connell** said just wanted to plant the seed that's all.

**Councilor Kelly** said we're just about ready to roll the snow volunteers program which we've dubbed "Snow Angels." I see some young people in the audience if you're looking to volunteer in the city we could certainly use your help. All you have to do is fill out an application and our City Clerk's office will maintain a list of volunteers. For anyone here whose maybe in a volunteer organization or maybe a civic organization that would like to volunteer, encourage the membership to volunteer that would be great also.

**Councilor O'Connell** said I'm involved with a fraternity at the college. There is an activity that is going on next week. It's an all-male Dodge ball tournament, information thing on STI's and I'm going to be there, the Mayor's been invited and he's going to try and stop by. I passed out some flyers to the male councilors. Anybody that wants to stop by Sibley Hall next week.

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**  
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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor O'Connell; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
Roll call Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:45 pm**



## ***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities are national, statewide and local in scope and range from national public awareness campaigns with million dollar budgets to local recognition ceremonies designed with very little funding with similar goals: to raise awareness about the prevalence and cost of domestic violence, the need for prevention and the availability of services for victims of abuse, and

**WHEREAS**, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, advocates for victims of domestic violence are joining with government officials, corporations, unions, health care providers, faith-based groups and others to organize activities that will raise public awareness about domestic violence, now, therefore, be it

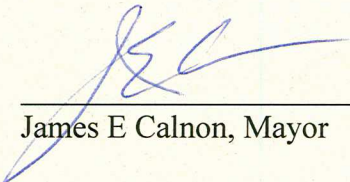
**RESOLVED**: That I, James E Calnon, Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014 as

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH**

in the City of Plattsburgh.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Plattsburgh to be affixed.

Done in the City of Plattsburgh, New York  
this First day of October in the Year Two-  
Thousand Fourteen

  
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James E Calnon, Mayor

